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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN OILSEED PROGRAM

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- (1977); (C) FAS REPORT AT 8005.

1. ON APRIL 21, AGATTACHE MET WITH DR. GRACHEGG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE POLICY MATTERS AND GATT. INFORMAL DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON AUSTRIAN OILSEED PROGRAM. AFTER AGATTACHE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN IN THIS MATTER, ALONG LINES REFTEL (B), GRACHEGG PROMISED TO PASS THESE VIEWS TO HIS SUPERIOR (MINISTER).

2. AS EXPECTED, GRACHEGG REPEATED THE WELL-KNOWN AUSTRIAN ARGUMENT ABOUT THE NEED FOR SUCH A PROGRAM TO SOLVE NOT ONLY THE CHRONIC SURPLUS PROBLEM IN WHEAT, BUT ALSO LESSENING DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN FOOD SUPPLIES.

3. THUS FAR, AUSTRIA HAS NOT YET DECIDED TO CONSULT WITH ITS TRADING PARTNERS FOR THE FINAL VERSION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OILSEED PROGRAM. TOO MANY PROBLEMS STILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED AMONG VARIOUS INTERESTS.

4. GRACHEGG ACKNOWLEDGED PROGRAM, IF IMPLEMENTED, COULD AFFECT U.S. TRADE INTERESTS ADVERSELY. RECOGNIZING THIS POSSIBILITY, HE SUGGESTED THAT, AS A COMPENSATION, AUSTRIA MIGHT BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FUTURE PURCHASE

COMMITMENT FOR U.S. BEANS OR MEALS. AGATTACHE, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, COMMENTED THAT THIS MAY BE A NON-STARTER, BUT PROMISED TO RELAY THESE VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

5. ON APRIL 26, DURING A LIVESTOCK FEEDING SEMINAR HELD IN VIENNA, AGATTACHE MET WITH ING. SCHRATT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION POLICIES IN AUSTRIA. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE OILSEED PROGRAM, SCHRATT REPLIED, QUOTE: IT PROBABLY WILL BE NEVER IMPLEMENTED AS IT NOW STANDS. THERE ARE TOO MANY INTERESTS INVOLVED AMONG FARMERS, WOULD-BE OILSEED PROCESSORS AND CONSUMERS, AND THEIR VIEWS ARE STILL WIDE APART. UNQUOTE. BORG

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